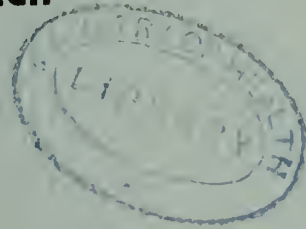


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**Ashby-de-la-Zouch
Rural District Council**



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

including the Report of the

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector

for the

YEAR 1952

July, 1953.

Council Offices,
South Street,
Ashby-de-la-Zouch,
Leics.



ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L R E P O R T
OF THE
M E D I C A L O F F I C E R O F H E A L T H
F O R T H E
Y E A R 1 9 5 2.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF:-

(1) Medical Officer of Health :

A. McM. W. SEGERDAL, M.D., D.P.H.

(2) Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector :

JOHN P. COOK, Cert.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

(3) Additional Sanitary Inspector
and Assistant Surveyor :

C. S. CURTIS, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
DIP.P.H.H.(Hons).

JULY, 1953.

COUNCIL OFFICES,
SOUTH STREET,
ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.
Leics.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for the Year 1952.

According to the Registrar General's estimate the population remains about the same.

The birth rate (17.3) is higher than last year (16.3) and higher than that for England and Wales (15.3).

The death rate (11.1) is lower than last year (12.0) and slightly less than that for England and Wales (11.3).

The death rate of infants under 1 year of age (59.0) is higher than that for England and Wales (27.6). It has been higher than that for England and Wales for the past four years.

The chief causes of death were again mainly from diseases associated with elderly people.

All mains water supplies continue to be satisfactory, and adequate. There are still a number of well supplies which are unsatisfactory. Water mains have been laid and completed in the parishes of Packington and Appleby Magna. The Pumping Stations in connection with new boreholes at Acresford and Heather have been completed, and each pump is now in operation.

There are now 255 cesspools in the district and no post-war schemes of sewerage and sewage disposal have been carried out.

During the year 66 closets were converted to the water carriage system, and the number of houses with water closets continues to increase.

Towards the end of the year, some samples of milk showing evidence of infection with *Brucella Abortus* were being investigated, but no action had been taken up to the end of the year.

74 houses were completed during the year bringing the total of postwar houses to 377. After revision the total number of applicants for Council Houses at the end of the year was reduced to 531, as compared with 808 in 1951. However, 144 fresh applications were received between 1st October and 31st December, 1952.

171 cases of Infectious Disease were notified during the year, this included 114 cases of Measles; 29 cases of Pneumonia; and 21 cases of Whooping Cough. There were 4 deaths from Pneumonia. Measles was again prevalent for the sixth year in succession; cases were scattered during the year until the month of December, when numbers increased to epidemic proportions on both the east and the west side.

The number of children being immunised is not nearly high enough again, and unless this is increased, there may be a dangerously high percentage of children not protected against Diphtheria.

To the staff of the Public Health Department of the County Council, I wish to extend my thanks for their willing help and co-operation.

Finally I wish to thank Mr. J. P. Cook, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, and Mr. C. S. Curtis, Additional Sanitary Inspector and Assistant Surveyor, for their invaluable help during the year, and you Ladies and Gentlemen for your kindness and co-operation.

I remain,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. McM. W. SEGERDAL.

Medical Officer of Health.

JULY, 1953.

The number of children who have been vaccinated is not nearly
high enough and, unless care is taken, this may
be a very serious situation of affairs not only
in the future.

So the work of the Public Health Department of the
County Council, it will be seen, is not only
helping but also saving.

Finally I wish to thank Mr. J. F. Jones, Secretary and
Sanitary Inspector, and Mr. C. J. Jones, Assistant Secretary,
Inspector and Assistant Inspector, for their valuable help
during the year, and for their kind and helpful
and co-operation.

I remain,

Yours and sincerely,

Your obedient servant,

A. M. W. JONES

Medical Officer of Health

10th July 1900

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area	28,073	acres
Resident Population (R.G.'s estimate)...	13,690	
Number of Inhabited Houses...	4,100	
Rateable Value	£57,679	
Sum represented by a Penny Rate...	£219	
Comparability Factor - Births	1.04	
- Deaths	1.01	

The chief industries in the area are :- (1) Agriculture, (2) Coalmining, (3) Open Cast Coal Working, (4) Brickmaking, (5) Stoneware and Pipemaking, and (6) Stone Quarrying. There are also small Textile Works and Light Engineering Works.

No particular industry was noted as having a specially injurious effect on health during the year.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Live Births.</u>			
Legitimate	233	127	106
Illegitimate	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
	237	128	109

Birth Rate - 17.3 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales

Birth Rate 1952- 15.3 per 1,000 population.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Still Births.</u>			
Legitimate	9	7	2
Illegitimate..	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	9	7	2

Still Birth Rate - .65 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales

Still Birth 1952 - .35 per 1,000 population.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Deaths</u>	152	84	68

Death rate - 11.1 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales

Death Rate, 1952. 11.3 per 1,000 population.

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CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1952.

DISEASES.

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	1	3
Tuberculosis, other	0	1	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases. ...	3	0	3
Malignant neoplasm, stomach..	3	0	3
Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus.	1	1	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm ...	11	4	15
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	2	2
Diabetes	1	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	9	17	26
Coronary disease, angina	11	7	18
Hypertension with heart disease... ..	1	1	2
Other heart disease	12	14	26
Other circulatory disease	2	1	3
Influenza	0	1	1
Pneumonia	3	1	4
Bronchitis	6	1	7
Other disease of respiratory system	1	0	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	0	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	5	7
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0	1
Congenital malformations	2	2	4
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	10	8	18
All other accidents	1	0	1
Suicide	1	0	1
	<u>84</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>152</u>

Chief causes of death in 1952 were :-

Heart disease 46; Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms 15;
Vascular lesions of nervous system 26.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

Total Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 births

Live and Still 0

- ditto - England and Wales 0.79

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE.
Legitimate	14	9	5
Illegitimate... ..	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.... .. 59.0

ENGLAND AND WALES, 1952, PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS 27.6

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate	11	8	3
Illegitimate..	0	0	0
	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

HOSPITALS.

All the hospitals except some private Maternity and Nursing Homes are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

THE COUNTY HOMES for the aged and destitute are under the County Council. When the inmates take ill they become the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

There are none actually held in your District.

INFANT WELFARE CLINICS are held every Thursday afternoon at the Baptist School, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and every 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, Donisthorpe Road, Moira. At the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville, an Ante-Natal Clinic and Tuberculosis Centre are available, the latter is under the auspices of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by Ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and Moira Colliery.

NURSING IN THE HOME.

All District Nursing and Midwifery in the Home is under the Leicestershire County Council.

HEALTH VISITING.

This work is provided by the Leicestershire County Council and the work of Health Visitor, School Nurse, and Tuberculosis Visitor, is combined in a single appointment.

The Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Diabetic Clinic at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and visits the patients in their homes.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, ISOLATION HOSPITAL,
GROBY ROAD, LEICESTER.

The following examinations were made :-

Milk	25
Water... ..	8
Ice Cream	17
Sputa... ..	29
Faeces and Urine..	1
Blood... ..	2
Miscellaneous	15
	97

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. WATER SUPPLY.

- (1) (a) All mains supplies have continued to be satisfactory. There are still a considerable number of well supplies which are unsatisfactory.
- (b) Supplies have been adequate throughout the year.
- (c) Shortages in the village of Lount which depends on wells and a private reservoir. Efforts have been made to get permission to tap the Ashby and Swadlincote Joint Water Board Main which passes through the Village but so far without success.
- (2) Piped supplies - results of samples taken for analysis:-

RAW WATER				TREATED AFTER GOING INTO SUPPLY			
Bacteriological		Chemical		Bacteriological		Chemical	
Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory
4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-

- (3) The waters in this Area are not liable to Plumbo-Solvent Action.
- (4) Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in the district :-

INTERNAL MAINS WATER SUPPLY.		MAINS WATER FROM EXTERNAL STANDPIPES		WELL WATER SUPPLY	
No. of dwelling houses	Population	No. of dwelling houses	Population	No. of dwelling houses	Population
3,786	12,726	Nil	Nil	314	1,121

(5) Water supply from Public Mains :-

(a) No. of parishes with piped water supply :-

- (1) from public mains 14
- (2) from private reservoirs 1

(b) No. of parishes without a piped supply of water - 2.

(c) Water Mains have been laid and completed in the Parishes of Peckington and Appleby Magna, although at the end of the year the water had not yet been turned on in the latter parish.

(d) No. of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water - 90

(6) Water supplies from wells :-

NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR ANALYSIS.			
Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory.	
Chemical	Bacteriological	Chemical	Bacteriological
-	-	-	6

Number of wells closed - 32. Number of wells cleansed etc. nil.

(7) Post War Proposals:-

The Pumping Station in connection with the new Boreholes at Acresford and Heather have been completed and each pump is now in operation.

2. SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

No. of cesspools constructed during the year ... 6
(All septic tanks.)

No. of cesspools abolished during the year ... -

Total number in district on Dec. 31st 1952 ... 255

Particulars of any extensions of sewers, new works or improvements during year ... nil

No. of parishes with an efficient sewage disposal works ... 4

No. of parishes where new schemes
have been formulated 9

Post-War Proposals.

No Postwar Schemes have yet been commenced. A Public Inquiry has been held in connection with proposed Schemes in the parishes of Appleby Magna, Snarestone and part Measham; Heather; Coleorton, Worthington and part Swannington and a decision is awaited.

Schemes have been formulated for the parishes of Normanton-le-Heath, Osgathorpe and Packington.

3. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total number in district on 31st December, 1952.

(1) Privies 324. (2) Pail Closets 1,440
(3) W.C.'s 2,301.

No. of closets converted to the water carriage system during the year :-

(a) Privies - nil (b) Pails - 56.

A grant of up to one half the cost whichever is the lesser is made towards the cost of conversion.

No. of privies (middens) converted to pail closets during year - 3.

The means for the cleansing of earth closets, privies, ashpits and cesspools :-

Direct labour. Petrol and hand pumps for the emptying of cesspools.

Pail closets : Emptyied by direct labour.

Disposal of
contents : On to agricultural land.

Frequency of
emptying : Weekly.

4. PUBLIC CLEANSING.

House refuse is removed by direct labour. The Council have three Karrrier Bonted 7 cubic yard and one 10 cubic yard refuse collection vehicles. Two vehicles have a 350 gallon night soil tank each, and the other two have 400 gallon tanks. Night soil is collected weekly, and bins collected every 9/12 days.

No. of parishes covered by routine collection - 16.

5. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

(a) Total No. of complaints received ... 136 (9 groundless)
(b) Total No. of premises at which
defects or nuisances were dealt with 127
(c) Total No. of defects or nuisances
dealt with in (b) .. 138

6.

INSPECTIONS MADE.

Animal Keeping	...	...	...	...	...	4
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	3
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	3
Drainage Works	...	...	...	...	...	404
Dwelling-houses (all purposes)	...	...	...	...	...	821
Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	11
Offensive Trades..	...	...	...	...	...	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal...	...	...	...	...	...	121
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	...	16
(excluding visits by Rodent Operator)						
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	-
Snaps	...	...	...	...	...	17
Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Smoke Observations	...	...	...	...	...	-
Pens, Vats, Sheds, etc	...	...	...	...	...	34
Vermineous and Dirty Premises	...	...	...	...	...	2
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	16
Workshops, Outworkers, etc	...	...	...	...	...	24
Other Inspections.	...	...	...	...	...	636
TOTAL...						<u>2,157</u>

NOTICES.

<u>Preliminary.</u>	<u>Housing.</u>	<u>Public Health.</u>
Outstanding on 1st January	33	73
Issued during year ...	68	127
Complied with during year...	67	135
Statutory action necessary..	-	7
Outstanding 31st December...	34	65
<u>Statutory.</u>	<u>Housing.</u>	<u>Public Health.</u>
Outstanding on 1st January..	-	9
Issued during year ...	-	7
Complied with during year...	-	11
Outstanding 31st December...	-	5

7. CAMPING SITES.

There are no camping sites in the district.

Number of licences issued for moveable dwellings,
Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936 - 11.

3. REGULATED BUILDINGS.

Regulated Buildings.	No. in District.	No. of Inspections.	Action Taken	General Conditions.
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-	-
Stores, Firms, Banks etc.	11	34	In a number of cases signs removed from unsuitable buildings.	
Cafes, Hotels	-	-	-	-
Offensive Trades	-	-	-	-

4. ENFORCEMENT OF DOWRY ACT, 1916.

The Dowry Act, 1916, is enforced by the District Magistrate, who is assisted by a Special Magistrate, who is also a District Magistrate. The Dowry Act, 1916, is enforced by the District Magistrate, who is assisted by a Special Magistrate, who is also a District Magistrate.

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SECTION 10.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

10. ICE CREAM.

No. of premises registered :-

- (a) Manufacture and retail 2
- (b) Manufacture only -
- (c) Retail only 32

No. of samples - 17.

Results : Grade 1 - 15
Grade 2 - 1
Grade 3 - 1
Grade 4 - Nil

With one exception the persons who are licensed for retail sale only, sell pre-packaged ice cream.

MILK SUPPLY.

Seized (under the Dairy Farms) and under the (Dairy) Act, 1911 and Dairy Regulation, 1911).

No. on Register - 2
Distributors - 2
No. of Inspectors - 2

BIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLES.

No. of samples taken ... 53
Results of Analysis ... Satisfactory ... 48

Two milk samples showed evidence of Br. Abortus. At the end of the year investigations were being made to discover the affected cows.

In addition, three milk samples taken by the County Council were found to be infected.

MILK SAMPLING (OTHER THAN BIOLOGICAL).

CLASS	No. of samples.	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Designated "Tuberculin Tested"			
" " "			
" "			
" "			
Ordinary	25	25	-

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.

Particulars of Licences issued :-

	<u>Pasteurised</u>	<u>Sterilised</u>
Dealers Licences ...	1	-
Supplementary Licences ...	4	-

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.

Particulars of Licences issued :-

Dealers Licences ...	3
Supplementary Licences ...	3

12. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

No. of regional slaughter houses in area ...	Nil
No. of animals slaughtered in area ...	Nil
No. of animals examined in area ...	Nil
No. of animals slaughtered elsewhere..	Unknown
No. of animals examined elsewhere ...	1
No. of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	Nil
No. of Knacker yards in area ...	2
No. of visits to Knacker's yard ...	5

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

No. carcasses or part was condemned.

MEAT STALLS.

No. of Inspections ...	Nil
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MEAT SHOPS, MEAT STORES ETC.

No. of Inspections 35

PLACES WHERE FOOD (OTHER THAN MEAT) IS KEPT OR PREPARED FOR SALE

No. of Inspections 11

FOOD INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

Meat	...	...	...	...	...	189 lbs
...	...	...	...	...	...	35 lbs
...	...	...	...	...	...	37 lbs 1½ lbs
...	...	...	...	...	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	100 lbs 4 lbs

HOUSING.

HOUSING.

A. NEW HOUSES.

Houses completed during year by:	T Y P E		Average cost per house	Average Rent inc. or exclusive of rates.
	Prefabricated	Permanent		
1) Local Authority	-	50	Not determined	
2) Private Enterprise	-	14	£1,270	Not determined
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Houses in course of erection at end of year by:				
1) Local Authority	-	12	Not determined	
2) Private Enterprise	-	10	£1,285	Not determined

Number of Post War Houses completed by :-

(a) Local Authority 308

(b) Private Enterprise 59

Total number of applications for Council houses at end of year 361

Number of applications received during the year (Between 1st October and 31st December 1952) 144

B. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR :-

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	349
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	671
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932;	71
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	253
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or inferior to health as to be unfit for human habitation	4
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	72

C. REPAIR OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES :-

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	67
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D. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR :-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	111
(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices.	
(a) by owners	111
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners....	111

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :-

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	37
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
(a) by owners	111
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners ...	111

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	4
(2) No. of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	4)
(3) No. of dwellinghouses demolished after Informal Notices	5)

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made...	-
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E. HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING :-

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	Not known
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	-
(3) Number of persons dwelling there	-
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	-
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	47
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases' ...	164
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Not known.

F. HOUSING SUMMARY.

(a) Total number of occupied houses in district	4,100
(b) Total number of Council houses occupied in district	626

G. HOUSING ACT, 1949.

Number of applications for reconditioning grants	4 (2 refused)
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SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Infectious diseases (other than Tuberculosis)
during 1952.

Diseases	Final numbers after correction.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-
Whooping Cough... ..	21	-	-
Measles	114	-	-
Pneumonia	29	1	1
Erysipelas	3	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	2	1	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum	1	1	-
Total	171	3	1

Analysis under age groups according
to Registrar General's Return 113d:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Scarlet Fever</u>	<u>Whooping Cough</u>	<u>Measles</u>
Under 1	-	-	-
1 - 2	-	4	11
3 - 4	1	6	18
5 - 9	-	11	71
10 - 14	-	-	7
15 - 24	-	-	6
25 and over	-	-	1
Total ...	<u>1</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>114</u>
	<u>Pneumonia</u>	<u>Erysipelas</u>	<u>Puerperal Pyrexia</u>
Under 5	6	-	-
5 - 14	4	-	-
15 - 44	6	1	2
45 - 64	7	1	-
65 and over	6	1	-
Total ...	<u>29</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

TABLE SHOWING INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASE
IN EACH PARISH DURING 1952.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Scarlet Fever</u>	<u>Whooping Cough</u>	<u>Measles</u>	<u>Pneu- monia</u>	<u>Erys- pelas</u>	<u>Puerperal Pyæmia</u>
Appleby Magna	0	0	10	2	0	0
Batcliffe	0	0	8	0	0	0
Bolton	0	0	17	5	0	0
Burton	0	2	1	0	0	0
Measham	0	0	9	4	0	0
Wetherby	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donthorpe and Doddlethorpe	0	1	34	3	0	0
Osghorpe	0	0	1	0	0	0
Packington	0	13	0	1	0	0
Ravenstone	0	4	0	1	0	1
Snarestone	0	0	1	0	0	0
Stanton Harold	0	1	0	0	0	0
Swannington	1	0	15	9	1	0
Swepestone	0	0	1	1	0	0
Stretton- on-le-Field	0	0	7	0	0	0
Worthington	0	0	9	0	0	1
Totals ...	1	21	124	29	3	1

K E A S L E S.

The following table shows the incidence of Measles in each of the parishes monthly.

YEAR 1 9 5 2	APPLEBY MAGNA	BARDON HILL	CHILCOTE	COLEORTON	HEATHER	MESHAM	NORMANTON- LE-HEATH.	OAKTHORPE & DONISTHORPE	OSGATHORPE	PACKINGTON	RAVENSTONE	SNARESTONE	STAUNTON HAROLD	SWANNINGTON	SWEPESTONE	STRETTON-EN- LE-FIELD.	WORTHINGTON
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
April	5	0	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
May	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
September	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	1	0	1	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1
December	0	0	7	0	0	2	0	29	1	0	0	0	0	12	0	7	7
TOTAL	10	0	8	17	1	9	0	34	1	0	0	1	0	16	1	7	9

VACCINATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Number of children who were immunised during the period
1ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER, 1952.

Age at 31.12.52	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total
1.0. born in year.	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938	
Primary Immunisation.	10	109	16	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	138
Booster Doses	-	-	-	-	13	42	14	3	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	77

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS APPEARING IN THE REGISTER
OF NOTIFICATIONS OF CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS FOR THE
YEAR 1952.

	<u>Pulmonary</u>			<u>Non- Pulmonary</u>			<u>TOTALS</u>
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Number of cases on Register at the commencement of the year	22	17	39	14	15	29	68
Number of cases notified for the first time during the year	4	6	10	1	1	2	12
Number of cases restored to Register.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases added to Register and brought to notice other than by formal notification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases removed from the Register during the year	2	1	3	3	2	5	8
Number of cases remaining on the Register at end of the year... ..	24	22	46	14	15	29	75

CAUSES OF REMOVAL.

	<u>MALES</u>		<u>FEMALES</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non- Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non- Pulmonary</u>	
Cured	1	2	-	1	4
Died	1	-	1	-	2
Diagnosis not confirmed	-	1	-	-	1
	2	3	1	1	7

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948.

Resume' of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1952, which has already been sent to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH (INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS).

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.		2	1	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	36	20	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	2	2	-	-
Total	39	24	1	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H. M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness...	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-

SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>To H. M. Inspector</u>	<u>By H. M. Inspector</u>
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for the sexes	-	-	-	-
(d) Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).. ...	3	3	-	3
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK (SECTIONS 110 AND 111).

<u>Nature of Work</u>	<u>Number of Outworkers in August list required by Section 111 (1) (c)</u>
Wearing Apparel Making, etc.	20
Cleaning and Washing	-
Total	<u>20</u>

P A R T II.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SURVEYOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES,
SOUTH STREET,
ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.

30th June, 1953.

To the Chairman, Vice Chairman and
Councillors of the Rural District
Council of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It gives me great pleasure to present to you this
my 32ND ANNUAL REPORT for the Year ending 31st December, 1952,
covering the parishes of :-

Appleby Magna, Bardon, Chilcote, Coleorton,
Heather, Measham, Normanton-le-Heath,
Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe, Osgathorpe,
Packington, Ravenstone, Snarestone, Staunton
Harold, Swannington, Swebstone, Stretton-en-
le-Field, and Worthington.

The routine of housing inspections; inspection
of shops; water supplies; drainage work etc; has continued
throughout the year.

The Ravenstone Sewage Works continue to be
seriously overloaded, and urgently require reconstruction, and
the sludge lagoons at Measham are inadequate for the amount of
sludge which has to be dealt with. The Swannington Works are
already taking the maximum quantity of sewage with which they
can deal.

During the year Public Inquiries were held into
the proposed Sewage Schemes for Snarestone; Appleby Magna, and
part Measham; Heather; Worthington, Coleorton, and part
Swannington Schemes; but the Minister's decision has not yet
been received.

The collection of pail closets has continued to
be carried out at weekly intervals, and a routine of 10 to 11
days aimed at for the collection and emptying of dustbins,
although holidays and sickness has caused the interval to be
greater during certain parts of the year.

The ditch taking the effluent from the Osgathorpe Sewage Works to the brook has been piped in and has considerably improved the conditions existing there. In addition, repairs have been carried out to brickwork etc at these Works.

COMPLAINTS.

Under their heading I have classified the improvements and work carried out in connection with the same:-

Complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	136
Premises inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	136
Groundless complaints..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Re-visits to work in hand...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	265
Nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	132
Work still in hand	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Work not started	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Nuisances detected (District Inspections) ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Premises inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Re-visits to work in hand...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	127
Statutory Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7

In connection with the above table, and outstanding work brought forward from 1951 the following work has been carried out :-

W.C.'s repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Pan Closets constructed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Pan Closets repaired...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
New sanitary pans provided..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Drains relaid, repaired, trapped or ventilated..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Blocked drains cleared	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Cesspools cleansed or repaired...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Offensive accumulations removed..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Houses cleansed and lime washed or distempered..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Overcrowding investigated...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Overcrowding abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Chimneys repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Damp walls remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Windows repaired and renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Fireplaces repaired, or new ones provided..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Plastering repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Miscellaneous nuisances abated..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Dangerous buildings made safe or demolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Piggeries removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Yard paving repaired...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Wells made safe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Copper pans provided...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

This was the first year during which the Council employed their own Rodent Operator, one man being employed half-time on these duties and half-time assisting at the Sewage Works. He has carried out surveys of the parishes of Osgathorpe; Worthington (including Newbold and Griffydam); part Coleorton; Measham; Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe; and Appleby Magna; and also carried out the necessary treatments. This survey entailed the inspection of 2,211 premises and treatments at 203 premises.

The sewers were test baited during the year and were found to be free from infestation.

During the year a resident in the Rural District died from leptospirosis (Weill's Disease) which is carried by rats.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Routine investigations and disinfections were carried out after reported cases of infectious diseases.

Cases investigated	...	...	...	...	...	8
Disinfections carried out..	...	...	...	...	...	4

WATER SUPPLIES.

Number of wells closed for drinking water supplies	...	...	...	...	...	32
Number of houses inspected	...	...	...	...	...	8
Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	8
Samples taken for analysis	...	...	...	...	...	6
Samples condemned	...	...	...	...	...	6
Inspections to work whilst in hand	...	...	...	...	...	3
Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	6
Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	4
Water laid on from Public Mains.	...	...	...	...	...	162

It will be noted that considerable progress continued to be made during the year by the substitution of main water in lieu of well supplies.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Number of licensed Slaughter Houses in district	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of Verbal Notices given to limewash	...	...	...	...	...	-

5 inspections have been made of the Knackers Yards at Breedon Brand and Sinope. On each visit all was found to be in order.

MEAT INSPECTIONS.

Number of inspections made during the year ...	37
Transport Vans inspected	2

The meat supplied in your district is distributed from the Regional Slaughterhouse at Coalville.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES OF ANIMALS.

There were three cases of Anthrax during the year, a cow being affected at one small holding, and pigs being affected in the other cases.

FOOD SHOPS.

Routine inspection of food shops have been carried out during the year.

SALMONELLED FOOD.

During the year the following goods were inspected and condemned as unfit for human consumption :-

Beef	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	189 lbs
Mutton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36 lbs
Pork	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87 lbs 1½ozs
Pig carcase and all organs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cooked boneless ham..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110 lbs 4 ozs

NEW DRAINAGE AND CLOSET CONVERSIONS.

During the year it was decided to increase the grant to owners who carry out closet conversions to £10 or one half the cost whichever is the lesser.

It was considered that £5 was not now of sufficient incentive to owners, having regard to the increase in cost of materials and labour, and it will be seen that there has been a substantial increase in the number of conversions.

Premises inspected (voluntary conversions)....	4
Premises inspected (district inspections) ...	123
New drainage systems laid to sewer	11
Old drains repaired and extended	5
New water closets constructed to replace pan closets	66
Pail closets to replace privies	3
Additional W.C. accommodation provided... ..	5
Re-visits of inspections..	27
Informal Notices served by way of instruction	123
New cesspools constructed	5
New drainage to septic tanks... ..	6
Septic tanks provided	4

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Routine visits are made to these Conveniences. In order to ensure that they are kept in a clean and tidy state a local old age pensioner has been employed and carries out daily cleansing.

NEW BUILDINGS.

Greenhouses	...	...	...	...	...	11
New Industrial Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	3
Additions to Industrial Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	2
Garages	...	...	...	...	...	12
New houses completed by Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	60
New houses completed by Private Enterprise	...	...	...	...	...	14
Additions and improvements to existing buildings	...	...	...	...	...	14
New farm sheds	...	...	...	...	...	3
Plans passed (Dwellings, shops etc)	...	...	...	...	...	103
Houses drained to a sewer	...	...	...	...	...	61
Houses drained to a septic tank	...	...	...	...	...	13
Water supply from Public Main	...	...	...	...	...	72
Water from wells	...	...	...	...	...	2
Houses with water closets	...	...	...	...	...	58
Houses with pan closets	...	...	...	...	...	16
Inspections made during construction	...	...	...	...	...	330

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947.

This Act has now been in force for over 4 years, and on the whole has functioned very satisfactorily. A considerable amount of time has been expended in giving advice to persons in the Rural District.

The removal of the Development Charge provisions should encourage many people of moderate means to build their own houses, and carry out improvements.

SURVEY OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY.

Completed footpath survey sheets were received from the various parish Councils, and details shown on the maps checked with the descriptions given on the attached Schedules, prior to these being forwarded to the County Council, in order that the draft maps could be prepared and exhibited.

SEWER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

Inspections to sewers	...	...	...	...	58
Sewers flushed and cleansed	...	...	...	...	-
Blockage to sewers cleared	...	...	...	...	5
Sewers repaired	...	...	...	...	1
Inspections whilst work in hand	...	...	...	...	36
Inspection of Sewage Works	...	...	...	...	212

The work of removing the media from the sludge lagoons has continued. Breakdowns of the sludge pumps were experienced at both Donisthorpe and Measham Sewage Disposal Works and new diesel engines and pumps were placed on order.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

The Peggs Green Tip is now fully in use for disposal of household refuse. It has been possible to get on to the land for the majority of the year with nightsoil, and an emergency tip has been constructed on the Swannington Sewage Works.

During the year 344 dustbins have been supplied by the Council to replace dilapidated bins.

The 50 Litter Bins ordered during 1950 were obtained and affixed to lamp standards etc in various parts of the district.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949.

During the year licences as follows were issued :-

Supplementary licences to sell	
"Tuberculin Tested" Milk 	3
Dealers licences to sell	
"Tuberculin Tested" Milk 	3
Supplementary licences to use	
"Special Designation "Pasteurised" 	4
Dealers licences to use the	
Special Designation "Pasteurised" 	1
Dealers licence to open and cool	
"Tuberculin Tested" Milk 	1

Routine inspections of distributing vehicles have been carried out.

During the year 53 samples of milk for biological examination were taken. In addition, 25 samples were taken for bacteriological examination.

Three samples taken by the Leicestershire County Council were proved to be infected with Br. abortus, and steps were taken to ensure that milk from the affected cows was pasteurised before being sold for human consumption. Two samples taken by my Department were found to be similarly affected. At the year end further investigations were being carried out into the two latter cases.

ICE CREAM.

There are still two premises registered for the manufacture of Ice Cream, one for hot mix and the other one for cold. The premises licensed for the latter have again not been used during the year.

32 premises are licensed for the sale of Pre-packed Ice Cream. Routine sampling has been carried out. All licensed premises were found to be kept clean and no infringements of the Regulations were discovered.

TENTS, VANS, SHEDS.

Licences have again been granted during the year in respect of 11 caravans. These are spread throughout the district.

Routine inspections have been carried out in order to ensure that satisfactory conditions are maintained and there has been little to complain of.

Visits	34
Plans submitted in respect of site. ...	2
Plans approved	1

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Inspection of factories.. ...	14
Inspection of bakehouses. ...	3
Inspection of garage premises. ...	5
Notices received from Factory Inspector	4
Notices received from Factory Inspector and complied with	4
Informal Notices served.. ...	4
Certificate of Means of Escape in case of fire	3
Insufficient sanitary accommodation ...	1

PETROLEUM.

Routine inspections have continued to be carried out of Petroleum Stores under the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act 1928, and Petroleum Mixture Order, 1929. After approval by the Council renewal licenses have been issued and new sites approved.

HOUSING.

Work under the Housing Acts has included renovations of dilapidated property.

No. of houses inspected (new cases 1952)	72
No. of houses which were defective	72
No. of houses where defects have been remedied (included 1951 cases)	67
No. of houses where work is still in hand... ..	8
Work not started	20
Total number of re-visits while work in hand ...	181
Informal Notices served	68
Demolition Orders served	4
Houses demolished	9
Houses reconditioned	4

Details of work done in this connection, inclusive of 1951 cases, are as follows :-

Sinks provided	4
Walls repaired	16
Roofs repaired	20
Chimney stacks rebuilt or repaired	2
Fireplaces repaired or renewed	12
Floors repaired or relaid	9
Doors repaired	5
Windows repaired or new ones fixed	10
Eaves spouts and down pipes repaired... ..	5
Drains laid, relaid or repaired... ..	5
Plastering to rooms repaired	21
Dampness remedied	1
Wash-house repaired or drained	4
Coppers provided	1
Coppers repaired	1
W.C. repaired	1
Yard paving relaid	10
Dangerous brick structure demolished... ..	1
Coal stores provided	6
Septic tanks provided... ..	2
New sculleries	3
New larders	11
Staircase repaired	1
Bathrooms	7
Wash-house	2
New hot water system	1
Pail closets repaired... ..	2

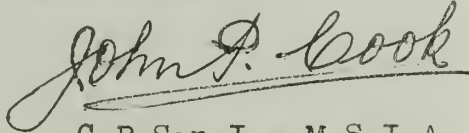
Approval has been given during the year in respect of Improvement Grants at two properties.

To conclude this Report, I must express my thanks to Mr. C. S. Curtis and Miss S. E. Clamp for their conscientious work during the year.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John P. Cook". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

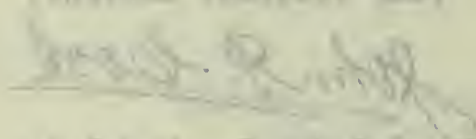
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To condense this report, I need express my
thanks to Mr. C. Davis and Mr. S. C. Brown
for their assistance with letters and notes.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,



J. R. Davis, Jr., M.D.



